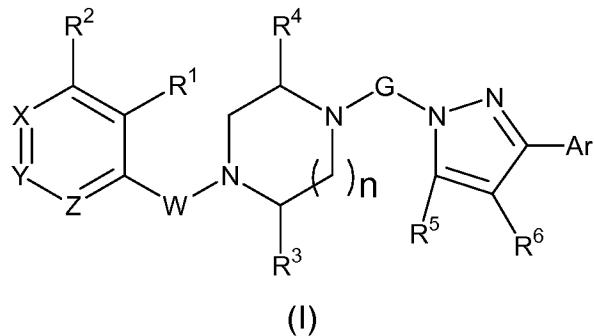


Amendments to the claims:

1. (previously presented) A compound of formula (I) below:



wherein:

- R^1 is hydrogen, azido, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N , C_{2-8} acyl, $R^9OC=O$, $R^{10}R^{11}NC=O$, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$; or R^1 is taken together with W as described below;
- R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, cyano, or $R^{48}R^{49}N$;
- each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl;
- R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form pyridinyl or a 5-membered carbocyclic ring or 7-membered carbocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic, and each of said pyridinyl, 5-membered ring and 7-membered ring may be optionally substituted with between one and three substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, amino, nitro, R^{40} , $R^{40}O$ -, $R^{40}S$ -, $R^{40}O(C_{1-5}\text{ alkylene})$ -, $R^{40}O(C=O)$ -, $R^{40}(C=O)$ -, $R^{40}(C=S)$ -, $R^{40}(C=O)O$ -, $R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)$ -, $R^{40}SO_2$, $NHR^{62}(C=NH)$ -, $NHR^{62}SO_2$ -, and $NHR^{62}(C=O)$ -;
- R^{40} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl) C_{1-5} alkylene, amino, or mono- or di(C_{1-5} alkyl)amino, or $R^{58}OR^{59}$ -, wherein R^{58} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl,

phenethyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, or (C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl)C₁₋₆ alkylene and R⁵⁹ is C₁₋₅ alkylene, phenylene, or divalent C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; and

R⁶² can be H in addition to the values for R⁴⁰;

R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, R²⁷OC=O, R²⁸R²⁹NC=O, R²⁷SO, R²⁷SO₂, or R²⁸R²⁹NSO₂;

R⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R⁷ and R⁸ can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R⁹ is C₁₋₅ alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;

R²¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, R³⁰OC=O, R³¹R³²NC=O, R³⁰SO, R³⁰SO₂, or R³¹R³²NSO₂;

R²² is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R²¹ and R²² can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R²³, R²⁶, R²⁷, R³⁰, R³³, R⁴⁴, R⁴⁵, and R⁵⁰ is C₁₋₅ alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;

R²⁴ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, R³³OC=O, R³⁴R³⁵NC=O, R³³SO, R³³SO₂, or R³⁴R³⁵NSO₂;

R²⁵ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R²⁴ and R²⁵ can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R¹⁰ and R¹¹ is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ or can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R²⁸, R²⁹, R³¹, R³², R³⁴, R³⁵, R⁴⁶, R⁴⁷, R⁵¹ and R⁵² is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R²⁸ and R²⁹, R³¹ and R³², R³⁴ and R³⁵, R⁴⁶ and R⁴⁷, or R⁵¹ and R⁵², independently, can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

n is 1;

G represents C₃₋₆ alkenediyl or C₃₋₆ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, oxo, hydroximino, CO₂R⁶⁰, R⁶⁰R⁶¹NCO₂, (L)-C₁₋₄ alkylene-, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkoxy, N₃, or [(L)-C₁₋₅ alkylene]amino;

each of R⁶⁰ and R⁶¹ is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively R⁶⁰ and R⁶¹, can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

L is amino, mono- or di-C₁₋₅ alkylamino, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl homopiperidinyl, or piperazinyl, where available ring nitrogens may be optionally substituted with C₁₋₅ alkyl, benzyl, C₂₋₅ acyl, C₁₋₅ alkylsulfonyl or C₁₋₅ alkyloxycarbonyl;

X is nitrogen or R¹²C;

Y is nitrogen or R¹³C;

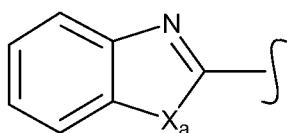
Z is nitrogen or R¹⁴C;

R¹² is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R²¹R²²N, C₂₋₈ acyl, C₁₋₅ haloalkyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, (C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl)C₁₋₅ alkylene, R²³OC=O, R²³O(C=O)NH-, R²³SO, R²²NHCO-, R²²NH(C=O)NH-, R²³(C₁₋₄ alkylene)NHCO-, R²³SO₂, or R²³SO₂NH-;

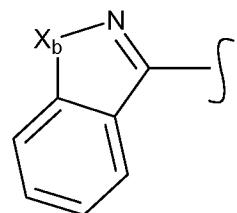
R¹³ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R⁴²R⁴³N, C₂₋₈ acyl, C₁₋₅ haloalkyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, (C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl)C₁₋₅ alkylene, R⁴⁴OC=O, R⁴⁴O(C=O)NH-, R⁴⁴SO, R⁴³NHCO-, R⁴³NH(C=O)NH-, R⁴⁴(C₁₋₄ alkylene)NHCO-, R⁴⁴SO₂, or R⁴⁴SO₂NH-;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R²⁴R²⁵N, C₂₋₈ acyl, C₁₋₅ haloalkyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, (C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl)C₁₋₅ alkylene, R²⁶OC=O, R²⁶O(C=O)NH-, R²⁶SO, R²⁵NHCO-,

- $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH-$, $R^{26}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)NHCO-, $R^{26}SO_2$, or $R^{26}SO_2NH-$;
- Ar represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, azido, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, $R^{17}SO_2$, $R^{17}S$, $R^{17}SO$, $R^{17}OC=O$, $R^{15}R^{16}NC=O$, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} haloalkoxy, C_{1-5} haloalkylthio, and C_{1-5} alkylthio;
- R^{15} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{53}OC=O$, $R^{54}R^{55}NC=O$, $R^{53}S$, $R^{53}SO$, $R^{53}SO_2$, or $R^{54}R^{55}NSO_2$;
- R^{16} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively, R^{15} and R^{16} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic; each of R^{17} and R^{53} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; each of R^{54} and R^{55} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively, R^{54} and R^{55} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- W represents SO_2 , $C=O$, CHR^{20} , or a covalent bond; or W and R^1 , taken together with the 6-membered ring to which they are both attached, form one of the following two formulae:



(I)(a)



(I)(b)

wherein X_a is O, S, or N; and X_b is O, S or SO_2 ;
 R^{20} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

- R⁴² is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, R⁴⁵OC=O, R⁴⁶R⁴⁷NC=O, R⁴⁵SO, R⁴⁵SO₂, or R⁴⁶R⁴⁷NSO₂;
- R⁴³ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R⁴² and R⁴³ can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- R⁴⁴ is C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;
- R⁴⁸ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, R⁵⁰OC=O, R⁵¹R⁵²NC=O, R⁵⁰SO, R⁵⁰SO₂, or R⁵¹R⁵²NSO₂;
- R⁴⁹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R⁴⁸ and R⁴⁹ can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic; and

wherein each of the above hydrocarbyl or heterocarbyl groups, unless otherwise indicated, and in addition to any specified substituents, is optionally and independently substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from methyl, halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, -COOH, C₂₋₆ acyl, [di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino]C₂₋₅ alkylene, [di(C₁₋₄ alkyl)amino] C₂₋₅ alkyl-NH-CO-, and C₁₋₅ haloalkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or amide thereof.

2. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, hydroxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R⁷R⁸N, C₂₋₈ acyl, or R¹⁰R¹¹NSO₂.
3. (original) A compound of claim 2, wherein R¹ is halogen, cyano, nitro, R⁷R⁸N, or R¹⁰R¹¹NSO₂.
4. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R² is hydrogen.

5. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R³ and R⁴ is independently hydrogen or C₁₋₃ alkyl.

6. (original) A compound of claim 5, wherein one of R³ and R⁴ is hydrogen.

7. (original) A compound of claim 6, wherein each of R³ and R⁴ is hydrogen.

8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein R⁵ and R⁶ taken together form pyridinyl.

10. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein R⁵ and R⁶ taken together form pyridinyl, optionally N-substituted with R⁴⁰O(C=O)(C=O)-, R⁴⁰SO₂, R⁴⁰NHCO₂, R⁴⁰(C=O)- or R⁴⁰N(C=O)-.

11. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R⁷, R⁸, R²¹, R²², R²⁴, and R²⁵ is independently hydrogen or C₁₋₅ alkyl; or, independently, each of R⁷ and R⁸, R²¹ and R²², and R²⁴ and R²⁵ can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic.

12. (original) A compound of claim 11, wherein at least one of R⁷ and R⁸, R²¹ and R²², and R²⁴ and R²⁵ , taken together, is morpholinyl, piperidinyl, or pyrrolidinyl.

13. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein at least one of R⁹, R²³, R²⁶, and R²⁷ is C₁₋₅ alkyl.

14. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein G is C₃₋₄ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy-, or [(L)-C₁₋₅ alkylene]amino-.

15. (original) A compound of claim 14, wherein G is C₃ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy-, or [(L)-C₁₋₅ alkylene]amino-.

16. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein X is nitrogen.

17. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Y is CR¹³.

18. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is CR¹⁴.

19. (original) A compound of claim 18, wherein X is CH.

20. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹² is hydrogen, R²³O(C=O)NH-, R²²NH(C=O)NH-, R²³SO₂NH, R²³SO, or R²³SO₂, and R¹³ is hydrogen, R⁴⁴O(C=O)NH-, R⁴³NH(C=O)NH-, R⁴⁴SO₂NH, R⁴⁴SO, or R⁴⁴SO₂.

21. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R²⁶O(C=O)NH-, R²⁵NH(C=O)NH-, R²⁶SO₂NH or R²⁴R²⁵N.

22. (previously presented) A compound of claim 21, wherein R¹⁴ is halogen, R²⁶O(C=O)NH-, R²⁵NH(C=O)NH-, R²⁶SO₂NH or R²⁴R²⁵N.

23. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Ar represents a monocyclic ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected independently from halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R¹⁵R¹⁶N, CF₃ and OCF₃.

24. (previously presented) A compound of claim 23, wherein Ar is a six membered ring substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halo, CF₃, and OCF₃, said substituent or substituents being at the 4-position or at the

3- and 4-positions, respectively.

25. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is SO₂, C=O, or CHR²⁰.
26. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is a covalent bond.
27. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W and R¹ taken together are formula (I)(a).
28. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W and R¹ taken together are formula (I)(b).
29. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein one of R³ and R⁴ is hydrogen; Ar represents a monocyclic ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R¹⁵R¹⁶N, CF₃ and OCF₃; R¹² is hydrogen, R²³SO, or R²³SO₂; R¹³ is hydrogen, R⁴⁴SO, or R⁴⁴SO₂; R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, or R²⁴R²⁵N; and G is C₃₋₄ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, C₁₋₃ alkyl, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy, or [(L)-C₁₋₅ alkylene]amino-.
30. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R³ and R⁴ is hydrogen; Ar represents a six membered ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R¹⁵R¹⁶N, CF₃ and OCF₃; R¹² is hydrogen, R²³SO, or R²³SO₂; R¹³ is hydrogen, R⁴⁴SO, or R⁴⁴SO₂; R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, or R²⁴R²⁵N; and G is C₃ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy-, or (L)-C₁₋₅ alkylamino.
31. (original) A compound of claim 30 wherein Ar is phenyl.
32. (original) A compound of claim 31, wherein W and R¹ taken together

are formula (I)(b).

33. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

3-Amino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester ;

3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamine ;

1-[2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-chloro-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

and 1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide .

34. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester ;

1-[3-(4-Benzod]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-

pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester ;

1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol ;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide ;

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

and 3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide.

35. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from :

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methoxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[1-[2-(2-Piperazin-1-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;
Carbamic acid 1-[5-carbamoyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl ester;
1-{3-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
(*R*)-1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(5-chloro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-fluoro-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester;
5-Methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methylurea;

1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;

1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1 λ^6 -benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-[4-(6-Chloro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone; and

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone.

36. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide; and

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-

phenyl]-3-methyl-urea.

37. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-(3-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-hydroxy-propyl)-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzhydryl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-(3-{4-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-phenyl-methyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-hydroxy-propyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzyl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-1-one;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

4-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butan-1-one;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-p-tolyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-pyridin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone ;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-phenyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-pyridin-4-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-one;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-naphthalen-2-yl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-butan-1-one;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one;
(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
1-(3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-difluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone; and
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile.

38. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(3-methyl-4-p-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(3-methyl-4-m-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3,5-dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
4-(5-Acetyl-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-(3-(2,4-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentapyrazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentapyrazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenol;
1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-methyl-allyloxy)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-[1-[2-Benzyl-oxo-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
Acetic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Morpholine-4-carboxylic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Benzoic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Benzoyl-carbamic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
1-(3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
tert-Butyl-carbamic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Carbonic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester methyl ester;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{4-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{5-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-pentyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{6-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetamide;
[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetic acid;
[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetonitrile;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Bromo-benzenesulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenol; and
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid dimethylamide.

39. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-[1-[2-Azido-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[1-[2-Amino-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methylamino-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-2-phenyl-ethanone;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Amino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
N-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;
N-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;
1-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-isopropyl-urea;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid hydrazide;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid phenethyl-amide;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carbothioic acid methylamide;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid ethylamide;
N-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-[(1-ethyl-pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl]-amino]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid isopropylamide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4, 3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;
N-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;
1-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-3-ethyl-urea; and
1-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-3-ethyl-urea.

40. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

N-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-acetamide;

Acetic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(3-amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-ylmethyl]-ethyl ester;

N-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-acetamide;

N-[2-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-dimethylamino-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

Carbonic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl ester methyl ester;

Carbamic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl ester;

1-[5-Ethanesulfonyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

1-[5-(4-Chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;

1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-5-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carbonitrile;

4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid o-tolylamide;
4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-phenyl)-amide;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-fluoro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-benzonitrile;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxamidine;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-{4-[3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl}-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-trifluoromethanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c] pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-4-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
N-[4-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-3-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-(3-(3-Chloro-4-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Azido-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-azido-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
5-Methanesulfonyl-1-[3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
5-Methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone; and
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine.

41. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;
1-(3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(1,1-dioxo-1H-1 λ ⁶-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-[1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;
[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-urea;
[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester;
1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;
N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;
1-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-isophthalonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-isophthalonitrile;
1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester;
3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-N-methylbenzamide;
[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-morpholin-4-yl-methanone;
1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-N-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-benzamide;
2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester;
3-Acetylamino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzamide;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-(3-methyl-ureido)-benzoic acid methyl ester;

1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-azido-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(6-nitro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(6-methoxy-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1 λ^6 -benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine; and

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide.

42. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, or 36 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

43. (cancelled) ~~A method for treating a subject with a condition mediated by cathepsin S, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.~~

44. (cancelled) ~~A method for inhibiting cathepsin S activity in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.~~

45. (cancelled)

46. (cancelled)

47. (cancelled)

48. (cancelled) ~~A method for treating or inhibiting the progression of tissue transplant rejection in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.~~

49. (cancelled) ~~A method of claim 48, wherein said administration occurs after said subject has undergone a tissue transplant procedure.~~

50. (cancelled) ~~A method of claim 48, wherein said administration to said~~

~~subject occurs before or during a tissue transplant procedure.~~